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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)



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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

INVENTOR: Toshitsugu YAMAMOTO

FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD INTENSIVELY

PROVIDING DOTS IN HALFTONE PROCESS

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| \boxtimes | 23 pages of specification, claims, abstract. |
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| \boxtimes | Declaration and Power of Attorney. |
| \boxtimes | Priority Claimed. |
| | Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-093149 |
| | 20 sheets of formal drawing. |
| | An assignment of the invention to Minolta Co., Ltd. |
| | and the assignment recordation fee. |
| | An associate power of attorney. |
| | A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27. |
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| Independent Claims | 6 | -3 | 3 | \$80.00 | \$240.00 |
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| | \$710.00 | | | | |
| | \$968.00 | | | | |
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